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SUBJECT: FISHERIES DISPUTE: QUESTION OF USG REPRESENTATIONS TO UK

1. BRITISH INTERESTS SECTION OF FRENCH EMBASSY HAS MADE AVAILABLE
TO US FOLLOWING TEXT OF PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION AND ANSWER MARCH 10:

"MR. STONEHOUSE: WHAT REPRESENTATION HAS THE UNITED STATES
SECRETARY OF STATE MADE ABOUT THE NEED FOR BRITAIN TO WIND UP ITS
DISPUTE WITH ICELAND, WHICH IS A PARTNER IN THE ALLIANCE?

"MR. CALLAGHAN: I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY REPRESENTATIONS THAT HAVE
BEEN MADE ON THIS MATTER, EITHER FORMALLY OR INFORMALLY. I
THINK IT IS GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD BY OUR ALLIES THAT BRITAIN HAS
PLAYED A MODERATING ROLE IN THIS MATTER, AND THAT THE POLICY THAT
WE HAVE FOLLOWED, IN RELATION TO CONSERVATION, OUR WILLINGNESS TO

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LIMIT THE NUMBER OF TRAWLERS FISHING, AND OUR WILLINGNESS TO LIMIT

THE AMOUNT OF FISH CAUGHT, AND OUR WILLINGNESS TO HAVE OBSERVERS
POSTED ON OUR FRIGATES, HAS BEEN TOTALLY REJECTED BY ICELAND. I
BELIEVE THAT THE POSTURE THAT WE HAVE ADOPTED DESERVES THE SUPPORT
OF EVERY HONORABLE MEMBER."

2. SINCE THIS EXCHANGE IS ALMOST SURE TO MAKE HEADLINES IN ICELAND,
WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE AS TO HOW TO ANSWER INQUIRIES.

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